

Dillard, by leave of the Senate, and introduced as an original bill.

Senator Bradshaw offered the following resolution :

Resolved—by the Senate, that rule No. 91, passed by the first session of the Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature, be and is hereby revoked ; said rule reading as follows :

“ Rule No. 91—All unfinished business of the session of each Legislature shall be considered first in order at the several sessions of the same Legislature.”

The resolution offered by Senator Bradshaw was lost.

The unfinished business of the last session was then taken up, the first being Senate bill No. 31, “An act to amend the fourth section of ‘an act better defining the marital rights of parties,’ passed March 13, 1848. Bill read second time, and on motion of Senator Shepard, was referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 28, “An act for the relief of William Stephens,” was taken up, read second time and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Senator Allison, the rules were suspended, and House bill No. 395, “An act to validate the sale of town lots in Decatur, in Wise county,” was taken up, read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Allison, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the consideration of the unfinished business of the first session of the present Legislature, was postponed, and the secretary instructed to arrange all papers relating to same.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FIFTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, January 16, 1875. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment ; roll called ; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hillyer, chaplain of the House. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of House bill No. 545, “An act to incorporate the

Columbus Bridge Company ;” also, the passage of Senate bill No. 449, “An act to legalize the order of the county court of Galveston county, made January 4, 1875, and to authorize the issuance of county bonds therein provided for ;” also, the passage of Senate bill No. 207, “An act to provide for the disposal of certain lands belonging to the State, known as ‘the Indian Reservation.’”

Senator Randle, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report :

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

SIR:—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 460, “An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the second session of the Fourteenth Legislature,” and find the same correctly engrossed.

ED. RANDLE, Chairman.

Senator Ireland presented the memorial of Jas. P. Hector “on the subject of public lands and surveys.” Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Senator Westfall, chairman Committee on Education, submitted the following report :

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 458, “An act to amend an act entitled ‘an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas,’” passed April 30, 1873, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following as a substitute, and recommend that the same do pass.

WM. H. WESTFALL,

Chairman Committee on Education.

The title of the substitute referred to, is “An act to amend sections twenty-two of an act entitled an act to amend sections nine, (9) ten, (10) eleven, (11) fifteen, (15) seventeen, (17) twenty, (20) twenty-two, (22) and thirty-eight (38) of ‘an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas,’” passed April 30, 1873, approved May 2, 1874 ; and to repeal section thirty-two of “An act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas,” passed April 30, 1873.

The substitute was read first time and adopted.

Senator Shepard moved to suspend the rules to put the bill on second reading.

Senator Ireland, chairman Judiciary Committee, submitted the following reports :

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill 473, entitled "An act to amend 'an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time for holding the courts therein,' " beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do not pass, as a bill of the same nature has passed the House, and is now before the Senate.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 472, entitled "An act to provide for two penitentiaries, and for working convicts in mining, etc," have duly considered the same, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 464, entitled "An act to amend the probate law of August 15, 1870," report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 534, "An act to amend an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time for holding courts therein," report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of House joint resolution No. 47, "Authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of four thousand dollars for the arrest of J. Wesley Hardin, and making appropriation therefor," also, the passage of House bill No. 557,

“An act making an appropriation for mileage and *per diem* pay of the members and the *per diem* pay of the officers and employees of the second session of the Fourteenth Legislature.”

Senator Camp introduced a bill entitled “An act supplementary to and amendatory of an act entitled “An act to incorporate the Tyler Tap Railroad Company,” approved December 1st, 1871. Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Culberson introduced a bill entitled “An act to amend an act entitled ‘an act to incorporate the Lake City Railway Company, and aid in the construction of the said railway.’” Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Friend introduced a bill entitled “An act providing for the removal of county seats.” Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Westfall introduced a bill entitled “An act to establish the county of Monroe;” read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Senator Morris introduced a bill entitled “An act to exempt Henry C. Loudon from the payment of taxes.” Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Joseph introduced a bill entitled “An act for the relief of Joseph Atkins.” Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Joseph introduced a bill entitled “An act for the relief of William H. Scott.” Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Friend introduced a bill entitled “An act for the relief of master builders, mechanics and material men, and to provide for and regulate mechanics, builders and other liens.” Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Hobby submitted the following report :

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred Senate resolutions, instructing your committee to contract for lighting the Senate Chamber with gas, if found expedient, have had said resolutions under consideration, and have directed me to report a bill authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to make a contract for lighting the Capitol with gas.

HOBBY, Chairman.

The title of the bill referred to, is, “An act authorizing

the person in charge of the Capitol and Capitol Grounds and State Cemetery, under act of April 29, 1874, to contract for the necessary piping and fixtures for gas lights throughout the Capitol, and making an appropriation therefor." Read first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Dillard introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend sections three and seven of an act to incorporate the Rusk Transportation Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Westfall introduced a bill entitled "An act to encourage the construction of a canal from or near the Marble Falls on the Colorado river to the city of Austin." Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend section twenty-eight of an act entitled 'an act to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes,'" passed May 31st, 1873. Read first time.

On motion of Senator Ireland, the rules were suspended, and bill read second time.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the bill was referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ellis introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend an act regulating attachments,'" approved January 16, 1850. Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Dillard introduced a bill entitled "An act to aid in the construction of the International Railroad, and to settle and compromise the claims it holds against the State of Texas." Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Friend introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend sections 349 and 556 of the Code of Criminal Procedure." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Senator Shepard, the rules were suspended, and House bill No. 224, "An act to regulate fire and marine insurance companies," was taken up and referred to Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Senator Ellis, the rules were suspended, and House bill No. 545, "An Act to incorporate the Columbus Bridge Company" was taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the rules were sus-

pended, the bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Ellis, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Allison, Baker, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Flanagan, Hobby, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randall, Shepard, Stirman, Swift and Westfall—23.

NAYS—Senator Bradshaw—1.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, House bill No. 534, "An act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the times for holding the courts therein;" and also, Senate bill No. 473, "an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the times for holding the courts therein," were re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Shepard offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the use of the Senate chamber be permitted to "Mab's Merrie Men," on the evening of the 20th instant. Unanimously adopted.

Senator Ireland offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, There was a misapprehension as to the terms of the resolution ordering the Governor's message to be printed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate now take up and complete the reading of said message. Adopted.

(Senator Ellis in the chair.)

The secretary proceeded with the reading of the message.

Senator Flanagan asked leave of absence until Monday.

Senator Dillard moved a call of the Senate. Call sustained.

Roll called, and the following Senators were absent :

Senators Allison, Bradshaw, Erath, Hobby, Ireland, Randle and Swift—7.

Senator Culberson moved that the Senate adjourn to 11 o'clock A. M., Monday next. Lost.

Senator Flanagan moved that the Senate stand adjourned until Monday, at 12 M. Lost.

Senator Shepard moved a suspension of the call. Lost.

On motion of Senator Camp, the call was suspended, and

the reading of the message proceeded with. Pending the reading of same, on motion of Senator Bradley, the Senate stood adjourned until 11 o'clock A. M., Monday next.

SIXTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, January 18, 1875.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment : roll called ; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Friend, Senator Randle was excused for the day on account of illness.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, Senator Burton was excused for one week.

Senator Shepard presented the memorial of citizens of Towash, Hill county, "Respecting the incorporation of said city." Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Shepard presented the memorial of citizens of Lee county, "asking relief." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of the following House bills :

House bill No. 546, "An act to authorize the county court of Karnes county to construct bridges across the San Antonio and Colorado rivers."

House bill No. 562, "An act prescribing the place for the sale of property under legal process and deeds of trusts in Marion county."

Substitute for House bill No. 566, "An act creating the office of county attorney, and defining the duties and fixing the compensation of such officer."

Substitute for House bill No. 564, "An act to authorize justices of the peace to authenticate process in certain cases."

Senator Ireland, Chairman Judiciary Committee, submitted the following reports :

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred